



## Memorandum

To: Provosts and Chief Academic Officers  
From: Paula K. Compton Ph.D., Associate Vice Chancellor  
Date: October 28, 2022  
Subject: Faculty Nominations: Early Childhood Education Panel for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Certification

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Greetings from the Ohio Department of Higher Education! We are forming a panel to support the development of a new Industry Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guide (ITAG), and we are requesting your help.

[ITAGs](#) are a statewide transfer initiative that guarantees the award of college-level credit to students earning agreed-upon industry-recognized credentials. Students meeting requirements for approved credentials, regardless of where the learning was achieved, will be eligible to earn credit for specified courses deemed equivalent by faculty and endorsed by Ohio's public institutions of higher education.

With your help, we will be convening a panel of faculty experts who are knowledgeable about the learning outcomes of the Child Development Associate (CDA) certification. This entry-level credential qualifies students to serve children from birth to age 5 while enhancing the students' career opportunities and economic mobility. In addition, students in this academic pathway can help address the teacher shortage in infant, toddler, and pre-K classrooms.

We are asking representatives from institutions that offer an associate degree in Early Childhood Education to nominate one faculty member to join the development panel. This faculty member should be familiar with the CDA learning outcomes and those of their institution's program. We will then invite the nominated faculty to join the ITAG development panel to review the CDA credential; align its learning outcomes to those of Early Childhood Education courses taught at the college level; and, if appropriate, propose an ITAG for the CDA credential.

To nominate a faculty member from your institution, please click on the hyperlink below to submit the electronic survey. Please submit the survey by **November 10, 2022**. A PDF version of the nomination form is attached for reference only.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6D5NTP8>

Questions about the ITAG development panel may be directed to Lisa Holstrom, ODHE ITAG Consultant at [holstrom.lisa@gmail.com](mailto:holstrom.lisa@gmail.com).

Questions about ITAGs in general, or the development panel, may be directed to Nikki Wearly, Director of Career-Technical Education Transfer Initiatives, at [NWearly@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:NWearly@highered.ohio.gov).